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WILDEST CAPER OF HIS CAREER! HE'S A .

SETUP FOR MURDER

THE CASE OF THE RING THAT CRACKED ITSELF



SEE FREE VALUABLE TRADING CARD OFFER FOLLOWING THIS STORY

BACK UP
AND RAISE
YOUR HANDS
ALL OF
YOU!

WE NEVER
RAISE OUR HANDS
EXCEPT TO SHOOT,
COPPER! STEP ON
IT, JOE! THEY'RE
CLOSING IN! THEY
GOT ARNIE!

AGHHH...



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I WAS DRIVING LIKE MAD ON THE ROAD TO HYATTSTVILLE BEFORE I TOOK TIME TO THINK. I A PRIVATE-EYE HAS TO MAKE SPURT-SECOND DECISIONS, AND THAT VOICE CALLING FOR HELP OVER THE PHONE HAD BEEN DESPERATE! HOPELESS! WELL, MAYBE NOT QUITE HOPELESS, BUT AS THOUGH I WERE THE LAST HOPE! A WOMAN'S VOICE, SOFT, HUSKY FROM FRIGHT—SUSAN BOYLE! I GOT HER NAME AND LOCATION! SHE SCREAMED AND THE CALL WAS CUT OFF... AND THAT NAME RANG A BELL SOMEWHERE IN MY MIND! WENDY WANTED ME TO CALL THE POLICE, BUT I KNEW A POLICE ALARM NIGHT COST HER LIFE... UNLESS THE WHOLE THING WAS A TRAP! NOW WATCHING A LONG CAR ON THE ROAD AHEAD, MILE AFTER MILE, MADE ME WONDER...

FUNNY HOW THAT CAR STAYED JUST SO FAR AHEAD, WHETHER I GO THIRTY-FIVE OR SIXTY-FIVE MILES AN HOUR! MAYBE WENDY WAS RIGHT! I HOPE SHE GOT THOSE PAPERS LOCKED UP SAFE!

ONE MINUTE I WAS WATCHING THE CAR... THE NEXT IT HAD DISAPPEARED! I HIT A DOWN GRADE AND SUDDENLY I WAS IN A BANK OF FOG...



I DIDN'T NOTICE THE OTHER CAR COMING BACK! IT WAS ROLLING WITHOUT LIGHTS, UNTIL IT STOPPED NEARBY AND ITS HEADLIGHTS SUDDENLY FLASHED OVER MY CAR! I DID A QUICK SNEAK...

HE DIDN'T CROSS THE ROAD, KARL! HE'S ON THE OTHER SIDE, AND CLOSE!

STAY OUT OF THE LIGHT! HE'S A DICK! HE'LL HAVE A ROD!



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WHEN THEY HAD LEFT AND I STARTED TO TURN AWAY MY ARM TOUCHED FLESH—COLD FLESH! I SWUNG AROUND TO CONFRONT—NOT A SCARECROW BUT A CORPSE! A

CORPSE TIED TO THE CROSSEBAR THAT FORMED THE ARMS OF THE SCARECROW!

THEY DIDN'T STOP TO LOOK AT THIS! THEY KNEW IT WAS HERE!



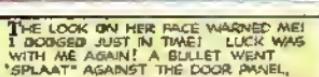
A FEW MINUTES LATER, STEALTHILY RUANING AND DUCKING, I MADE THE DOOR OF THE FARMHOUSE...

SORRY TO BOTHER YOU BUT MY CAR'S STALLED! MAY I USE YOUR PHONE?

WHY YES—I SUPPOSE SO! COME IN...



SURE—WORKING LATE! JUST A MINUTE!



WENDY CAUGHT ON QUICKLY! SHE CALLED ME "RAY" AND APOLOGIZED FOR BEING LATE! BUT THE COLD SWEAT OF FEAR WAS BREAKING OUT ALL OVER ME! WHAT NEXT? I DIALED LIEUTENANT ROONEY AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS! HE PROMISED TO GET A SOLID CAR OVER TO MY OFFICE IMMEDIATELY AND TO FOLLOW IT IN PERSON! HE ALSO PROMISED TO ALERT THE STATE POLICE! MY THIRD CALL WAS TO THE STATE POLICE! I ASKED THEM TO PICK UP THE DETOUR SIGNS AND MEET ME ON THE MAIN HIGHWAY! WHEN FINALLY I PUT DOWN THE PHONE I NOTICED HOW STILL EVERYTHING WAS IN THE HOUSE! MY FLESH WAS CREEPING! I DIDN'T TRUST ANYBODY! I KEPT MY BACK TO THE WALL AS I HANDED THE WOMAN A FIVE SPOT TO COVER THE CALLS AND STARTED FOR THE DOOR...



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WE WERE ON A COLD
TRAIL! ALL WE HAD
WAS A CORPSE DISGUISED
AS A EX-RECKON WHO
TRIED OUT TO BE THE
FARM WOMAN'S SON!
WHEN THAT WAS REVEALED,
SHE BECAME SO MYSTERIAL
AND INCONCERNED THAT WE
GAVE UP THE IDEA
TEMPORARILY OF GETTING
ANY FURTHER INFORMATION
FROM HER! THE MOB WAS
GONE AND SUSAN BOYLE
WITH THEM! IN MY OPINION,
HER LIFE WASN'T WORTH
A PLUGGED NICKEL! ALL
WE COULD DO WAS CALL
THE CORONER AND RETURN
TO STATE POLICE HEAD-
QUARTERS! BACK IN THE
CITY, AS I LEARNED LATER,
WENDY WAS HAVING
TROUBLE ALMOST AS BAD
AS SUSAN BOYLE'S...



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IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF MINUTES AFTER WENDY LEFT MY OFFICE IN THE GUNMAN'S COMPANY THAT LIEUTENANT ROONEY BUSTED IN...

FROM THE WAY THEY RANSACKED THE PLACE THEY DIDN'T FIND WHAT THEY WANTED! WHERE THEY'D LOOK NEXT I DON'T KNOW! MAYBE GARDNER'S APARTMENT - MAYBE WENDY'S...

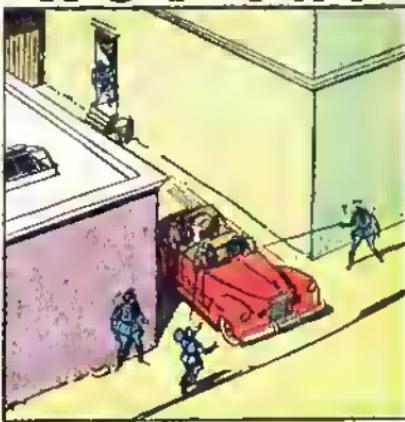


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By the time Rooney got his call through to the state police the coroner had removed the man's body from the scarecrow and it was on its way to the morgue! The mother of the murdered man was under a doctor's care! Two state policemen had been stationed at the farmhouse to protect her against the possible return of the mob! My car had been hauled to a police garage and I had just walked into the barracks when Rooney's call came through...

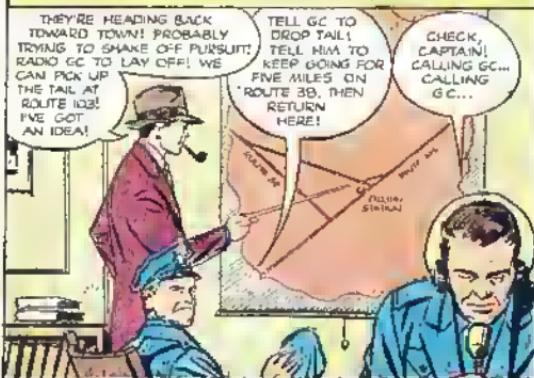


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AT HEADQUARTERS WE WERE FOLLOWING EVERY DETAIL OF THE EXCITING CHASE BY MAP AND SHORT WAVE RADIO...



MY PLAN WAS WORKING! THERE WERE FIFTEEN NAMES ON THE LIST OF SUSPECTS AS HEAD OF THE BIGGEST GAMBLING RING IN THE STATE! THE FUGITIVE CAR WAS PICKING THE RIGHT NAME FOR US! I WAS SURE OF IT!



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By RED NEVILLE was boing the next day when he saw those affidavits in the court room! Until Susan Boyle snatch, there hadn't been a shred of evidence to connect him with the ring! He had just been the thirteenth name on a list of suspects! Now we were able to throw the book at him! Susan Boyle's testimony proved that the ring had defrauded Steel County of huge tax funds, but it was the murder of the farmer's son that topped the long list of charges! Neville was face to face with the electric chair!

I'VE COME ALL THE WAY FROM HYATTSTVILLE TO BRING YOU THIS VASE, YOUNG LADY! IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YOU, GARDNER WOULDN'T HAVE LOOKED SO BRIGHT!



THERE'S GRATITUDE FOR YOU! I CLEAN UP THE CASE IN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS, AND WHAT HAPPENS? NOW I ASK YOU...

SO THAT WAS THE STORY OF 'THE RING THAT CRACKED ITSELF': A FRANTIC CALL FOR HELP OVER THE PHONE HAD STARTED A CHAIN OF EVENTS ENDING IN THE MURDER CONVICTION OF ONE OF THE BIGGEST GAMBLERS IN THE EAST! BUT THE STORY DIDN'T STOP THERE! BEALE, THE ROD WHO HAD CAPTURED WENDY, GOT AWAY! AND HE WAS CLEVER ENOUGH TO MOVE INTO THE SPOT NEVILLE VACATED, THOUGH BEALE WASN'T A GAMBLER! HIS INTERESTS LAY IN ANOTHER DIRECTION, AND THEY LED TO ONE OF THE MOST THRILLING ADVENTURES I HAVE EVER ENCOUNTERED! I CALL THAT ONE "THE CASE OF THE DEATHS HEAD RUBY"! I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT IT NEXT MONTH!

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dance-team or pippy session, you're
got them—and MORE—right in this
mucle Telecine Book! Who's
more, who's better, who's
better, who's better, who's better,

give you the bright, pleasant, pic-
tures yet!

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ING, PICTURES! When you'e looked
your eadomig filf ex eoe pleite, tell
leie leie! kneb low niss hulb-pitid
"show." Light gnes ad etomaniell
et eew pleite ippeis! To light eew
pirtuus beek eodber iis. No leu
than SIX exciting pictures it is --
eight right, diemite, dancin' team, leie
leie, leie, hulbide, eetion, inell
figer, skates and eeeetis lone with
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SAMPLE COUPON

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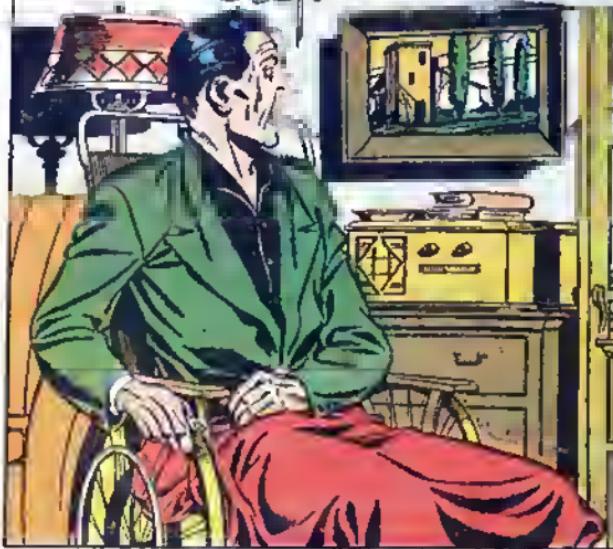
REAMER WAS BROKE, BUT REAMER WAS SMART! HE COULD BE COUNTED UPON NOT TO OVERLOOK ANY OPPORTUNITY THAT WAS THROWN IN HIS PATH—EVEN A SUBWAY WRECK! BUT HE FIGURED WITHOUT THE KILLER IN THE RED MASK AND THE REMOTE POSSIBILITY OF



SHOCK TREATMENT

THE KILLER! THE
KILLER IN THE
RED MASK!

IN PERSON, MY PARALYZED
FRIEND! HOW CONVENIENT
FOR ME THAT YOU
CANNOT MOVE!



MARK REAMER WAS CLEVER—
DEVILISHLY CLEVER! SO CLEVER
THAT HE FIGURED OUT A WAY
TO STEAL A FORTUNE WITHOUT
APPARENT DANGER OF DETECTION!
YES, HE KNEW ALL THE ANSWERS—
EXCEPT ONE! THE QUESTION HE
STUMBLED ON WAS THIS: WHEN
IS A BLUFF NOT A BLUFF? HE
DIDN'T REALIZE HOW SIMPLE THE
ANSWER WAS: WHEN IT'S CALLED!

IT WAS ELEVEN
O'CLOCK, THE NIGHT
OF FEBRUARY
3RD, 1939...

DARN THESE KEYS!
NEVER CAN FIGURE
OUT WHICH ONES
FOR THE STREET
DOOR!

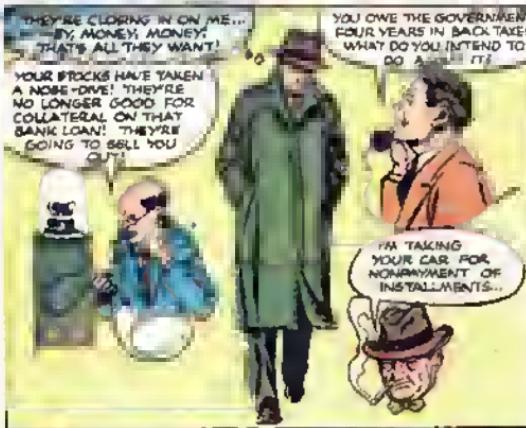
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TONIGHT!

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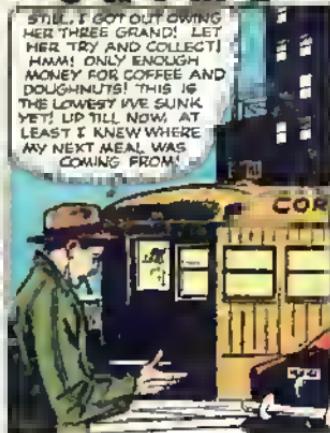
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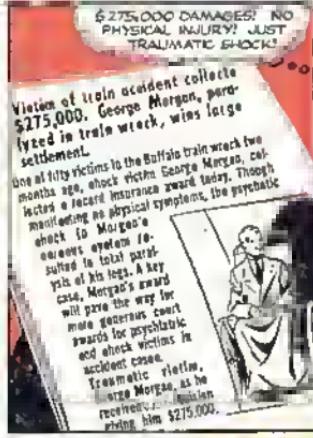
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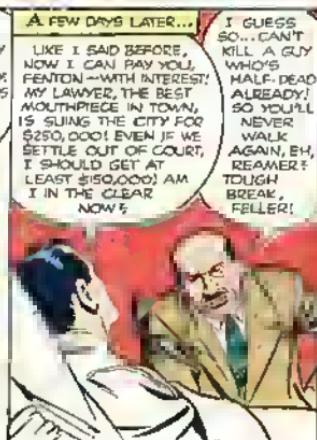
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SEVERAL WEEKS LATER, IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICES OF THE UNIVERSAL INSURANCE COMPANY...

HMM...THEY'RE STILL LOOKING FOR THAT KILLER IN THE RED MASK! THE POLICE ARE QUESTIONING EVERY CROOK AND HIS GRANDMOTHER! WHAT IS IT, REYNOLDS? BLAINE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT!

IT IS, SIR! IT'S ABOUT ONE OF THE SUITS! CLAIMANT, GEORGE REAMER.

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HMM, WHERE IS REAMER LIVING NOW?



A SWEET SETUP THIS... NOTHING'S TOO GOOD FOR ME NOW! THE OLD LADY GOES OUT FOR THE EVENING, GIVING ME THE RUN OF THE JOINT! YOU'D THINK I WAS HEIR TO ALL OF THE OIL WELLS IN TEXAS!



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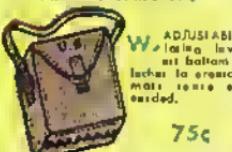
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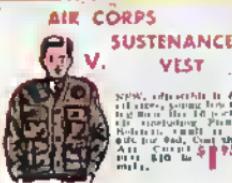
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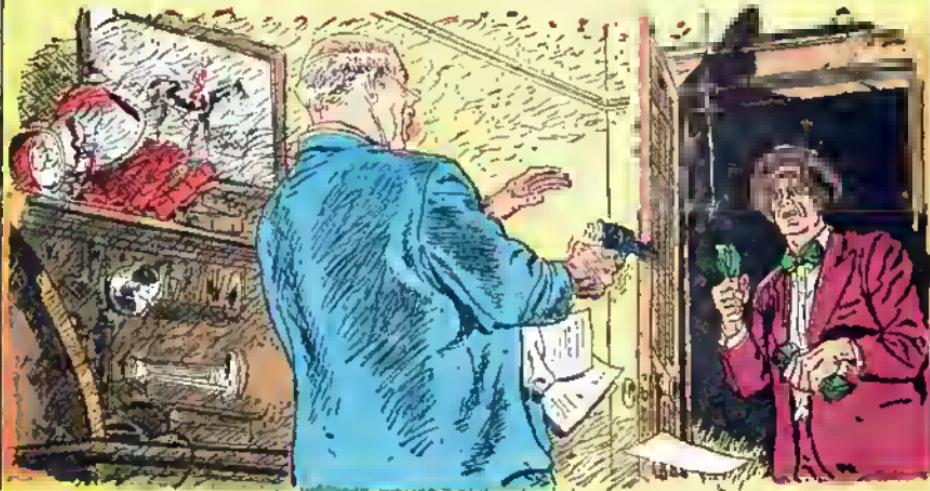
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THEY SAID THEY RANG THE BELL AND BOUGHT THEIR SCRATCH SHEETS AND WENT AWAY! THEY SAID THEY DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT A MURDER! THEY FELT SAFE ENOUGH, WITH TWO ALIBIS AND A FIRST-CLASS

FALL GUY



If either Trapp Kelper or "Soft Shoe" Morton ever heard the term "perfert rime," they'd never mentioned it to each other. They were too busy practicing their own methods to bother with theories. What little reading they did was concerned with racing forms. The two had a formula which applied equally well to arson, larceny, forgery and murder. They tackled each job as it came along, made sure their tracks were covered, and whenever possible, pinned the misdeeds on a fall guy.

The way they tossed money away on the races, Trapp and Soft Shoe had to pick up some cash the easy way! But nobody ever checked on their bets and, after all, some horses did bring in money. So they were classed as lucky, even by the Pinkerton detectives who kept an eye on shady characters at Belmont, Laurel, Pimlico and other tracks as far south as Miami.

Trapp and Soft Shoe were so confident of their ability to dodge the law that they had picked Old Singleton Prout as the jark pot to roll all jack pots, should the need arise! Singleton was a horse-player, too, in his own way. He studied the horses, the jockeys, the weather and running conditions at a track, then made book on his

findings. But he only accepted bets on horses he felt sure would lose! The fact that he gave good odds kept his customers coming back, and his weekly take would have made any regular bookie jealous.

Singleton also mimeographed a confidential scratch sheet of winners, which he sold at five bucks per copy to a small group of regulars, including Trapp and Soft Shoe. All that those in the know had to do was ring the old man's bell after eight P.M. and trade a bill for tomorrow's racing score!

Because they were customers of luxe, Singleton had occasionally invited Trapp and Soft Shoe into his basement rooms when the weather was bad, and the ink hadn't dried on his scratch sheets. Each time their keen eyes had spotted bundles of green stuff that was neither cabbage nor spinach but answered to either nickname!

Tonight the partners were going to snitch those bindles! Shortly before eight they approached Singleton's apartment, not by the front door—which lay between Jerry's newsstand and Mike's barber shop—but by the back alley. Trapp tinkered with the lock on the back door. It yodeled, and Soft Shoe eased through the door

in the cat-footed style which had won him his name. He reached the doorway of the little room Singleton used as an office, still undiscovered. The old man was leaving, stoop-shouldered, over a table in the corner, lit only by the inadequate rays of a flashlight which lay at his elbow. He was making sure the tuk was dry on the day's sheets.

Soft Shoe lived up to his reputation as he reached the open safe and gathered up the bundles of currency he had seen stacked there. As neatly as though the scene had been rehearsed, he dodged Singleton Prout's eye as the bookie turned the other way in the semi-darkness. The old man carried his racing sheets to a desk near the door, and tugged on a lamp-cord, but the light did not come on! He picked up a phone from the desk and dialed a number.

"Hello! Hello!" Singleton looked annoyed. "Yes, this is Prout again! No, the electrician isn't here yet. . . . You're sure he's on his way? . . . Well . . ."

Soft Shoe had almost reached the door when Singleton slammed the receiver down abruptly and turned. Only for an instant did the old man look startled, then, seeing the cash in the crook's hands, Singleton pounced for the desk, whipped a gun from a half-open drawer and came full about in what seemed like a single move. Soft Shoe had no time to dodge before the old man was upon him.

But Singleton never used the gun. Trapp Kelper was in the doorway. His hand had only a short distance to travel with the thing it carried. A blackjack thudded dully at the base of Singleton Prout's skull and the old man dropped, like a poled ox! Soft Shoe Morton stuck in his breath.

"Yipes, Trapp! That was for keeps!"

"Right! All we needed was a chump to take the rap and he's on his way! The electrician is due! Step on it!"

Soft Shoe nodded. Trapp pulled a late paper from his pocket and tossed it on the desk. He picked up three scratch sheets, and wedged Soft Shoe through the door, leaving it ajar.

Safely back on the front street, Soft Shoe sidled into the barber shop and spoke to Mike, who was busy shaving a customer. Both could see Trapp going down the steps to Singleton's door through the big window.

"Slip me five, Mike, and I'll pick up your Singleton special. Tomorrow's supposed to be real hot."

Mike stepped to the cash register, dug out a bill and passed it over. Soft Shoe hurried out and joined Trapp, who was pressing Singleton's doorknob. Both spoke aloud in greeting, as though the old man had answered the door, then Soft Shoe stepped up to the sidewalk where Jerry was peering around from his newsstand into the vague dark below.

"Old Prout wants his late paper, Jerry," Soft Shoe said, picking up a copy from the stand. This had happened a number of times before

when Singleton had actually been present! Jerry would practically swear he'd seen the old man down there at the door—and heard his voice!

The newspaper went under Soft Shoe's coat (although it was slightly lumpy with greenbacks!) and stayed there until he and Trapp re-entered the barber shop. While Trapp was handing Mike a copy of the scratch sheet, Soft Shoe dropped the paper on a chair where any customer could have left it.

Trapp and Soft Shoe were playing at their favorite poolroom less than an hour later when Inspector Tim MacManus walked in on them.

"You two were the last to see Singleton Prout alive," he said. "Tell me the details. Just what happened when you stopped there."

"You mean the old man kicked in?" Soft Shoe looked astounded. The inspector nodded and looked at Trapp.

"Well, we rang the bell," Trapp said, "and when Prout came to the door, we bought three scratch sheets—one apiece and one for Mike, the barbet."

"Yeah," Soft Shoe put in, "and I got his paper for him from Jerry."

"I saw the newspaper on Prout's desk," MacManus nodded. "You say he came right away when Kelper rang the doorknob?"

"I didn't say that," Soft Shoe drawled, "but as a matter of fact he did. Come eight o'clock and Old Singleton listened for that doot like it was a dinner call! But with customers paying five bucks apiece, who could blame him?"

"Nobody could," the inspector decided. He turned to a detective who had followed him in. "Bring that fellow in here."

Trapp and Soft Shoe could tell by the man's panic that he was their fall guy, the electrician. He, taking the two crooks to be friends of Singleton Prout, broke down completely. "I didn't do it!" He was almost in tears. "So help me, I didn't! I came because Mr. Prout kept phoning about an electrician. The door was open, so I walked in. When I saw him lying there I couldn't believe it, but I called the police. Why would I?"

The two crooks were staring blankly, as though they had suddenly lost a dear friend. Inspector MacManus' face was a mask as he said: "Tell them why you went there, Jennings!"

"Mr. Prout kept calling and calling. I never heard anybody kick up such a fuss just because that front doorbell was out of order!"

"And what time did you arrive?" MacManus pressed him.

"Almost exactly at eight o'clock," Jennings said. "I got the lights going tight after calling you. You arrived at eight twenty-one!"

MacManus was watching two faces, melt, freeze, melt again Trapp Kelper and Soft Shoe Morton were both thinking of an electrician whose wiring did not fail—the man up the river who tested the electric chair!

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FATE TOOK A GRIM TURN WHEN HENRY GOMPEL PLANNED THE GREAT DECEPTION!



DOUBLE LIFE

STRANGE CASE OF THE NONEXISTENT WIFE!

STOP!
IT WON'T DO YOU
ANY GOOD TO RUN!
YOU'LL BE CAUGHT
SOONER OR LATER!
YOUR PAL WILL
TALK! HE'll...

EVEN BACK IN 1905, HENRY GOMPEL'S VAUDEVILLE ACT WAS DEAD CORNFY! HIS THEATRICAL CAREER WAS DRAWING TO A CLOSE! FACED WITH A DESPERATE SITUATION, HENRY THEN PLANNED AND EXECUTED THE GREATEST ACT OF HIS CAREER — THE PERFECT CRIME, THE UNDETECTABLE SWINDLE! THE ONLY THING WRONG WITH IT WAS ITS PERFECTION!

WE HAD TO GIVE EIGHT SHOWS A DAY AT KOKHNO'S CHATEAU THEATER, BUT AT LEAST IT WASN'T A ONE-NIGHT STAND! HENRY GOMPEL, COMIC PEMALE IMPERSONATOR, HAD BEEN SIGNED FOR A WHOLE WEEK...

WELL, ANDS,
HOW DOES THE
HOUSE LOOK
TODAY?

NOT GOOD, MR. GOMPEL — NOT GOOD AT ALL! I DON'T RECKON THERE'S MORE THAN THIRTY PEOPLE IN THE PLACE! CAN'T KEEP A THEATER OPEN ON THAT KIND OF BUSINESS!

DON'T TAKE IT SO HARD!
THINGS WILL GET BETTER
AS SOON AS WORD GETS
AROUND ABOUT MY ACT!
WHY, I ROLLED 'EM IN
THE AISLES IN
WICHITA!

TSK! POOR FELLOW!
SOMEBODY OUGHT
TO TELL HIM HIS
ACT'S A DUD!

CHATEAU
THEATER
STAGE
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NO ADMITTANCE

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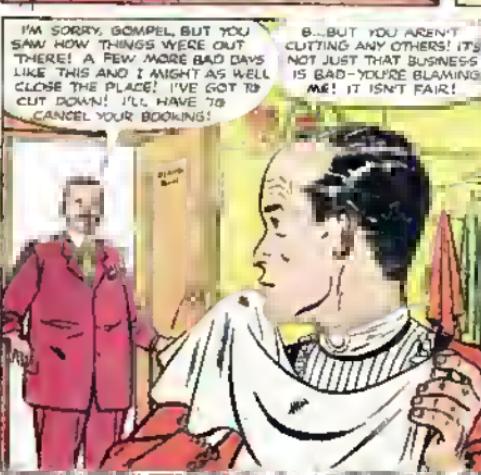
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TAKE THAT SILLY DAME OFF! BRING ON THE DOG ACT!

DID YOU HEAR THAT EDDIE? I WAS SO GOOD THAT GUY THOUGHT I WAS REALLY A WOMAN! AND YET, WHO COMES TO SEE ME ANY MORE? I TELL YOU EDDIE, IT'S GETTING BAD!

THEY JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WANT, HENRY! YOU WERE...UH... TERRIFIC!



B...BUT YOU AREN'T CUTTING ANY OTHERS! IT'S NOT JUST THAT BUSINESS IS BAD—YOU'RE BLAMING ME! IT ISN'T FAIR!

I WASN'T BLAMING YOU, GOMPTEL—BUT WHY DON'T YOU GET ON TO YOURSELF? YOUR KIND OF ACT WAS ALL RIGHT TEN—FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, BUT TIMES HAVE CHANGED! THIS IS 1905, MAN!

ALL RIGHT, MR. BARDMAN—ALL RIGHT! THERE ARE OTHER THEATERS IN THE COUNTRY, PLenty OF PEOPLE WHO APPRECIATE TALENT!

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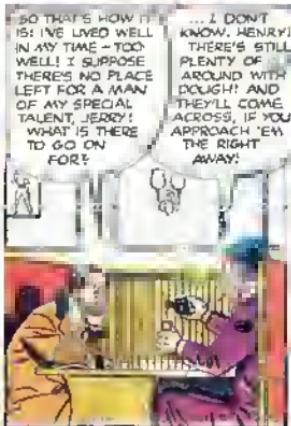
HENRY GOMPEL HEADED FOR NEW YORK! IF THERE WERE JOBS AVAILABLE, THAT'S WHERE HE WOULD FIND THEM! FOR WEEKS HE HUNTED THE AGENCIES, BUT THE ANSWER WAS ALWAYS THE SAME—NO! FINALLY, ONE SATURDAY EVENING, HENRY SPLURGED HIS LAST SIX DOLLARS DROWNING HIS SORROWS IN A BROADWAY SALOON...

PLEASE, JULES—
JUST ONE MORE
ON THE CUFF!

NIX, MR. GOMPEL! THE BOSS
SAYS HE AIN'T RUNNING NO
CHARITY DUMP ANY MORE,
AND I GOT TO PAY FOR
EM MYSELF!

IT'S ALL RIGHT,
JULES—GIVE THE MAN
A DRINK! AND LET ME
HAVE A BOTTLE OF FOUR-
STAR DENNESSY! WILL
YOU JOIN ME IN ONE OF
THE BOOTHS, PAL?

WELL, THAT'S
RIGHT NEIGHBORLY
OF YOU SIR, AND
TO WHOM DO I
OWE THIS DEBT OF
KINDNESS?



YOU MUST BE JOKING, MR. O'HARA!
SURELY, YOU DON'T MEAN...

DOES THIS ROLL LOOK LIKE I'M
JOKING? AND ALL FROM ONE
MUG! DON'T BE A SAPI! YOU'RE
UP AGAINST IT, PAL! I KNOW
THAT! DO YOU THINK IT'S
BETTER TO GO HUNGRY?

...I... DON'T
KNOW WHAT
TO SAY! I
WOULDN'T
KNOW HOW
TO BEGIN, OR
WHERE, AND
WHAT IF I
WERE
CAUGHT?

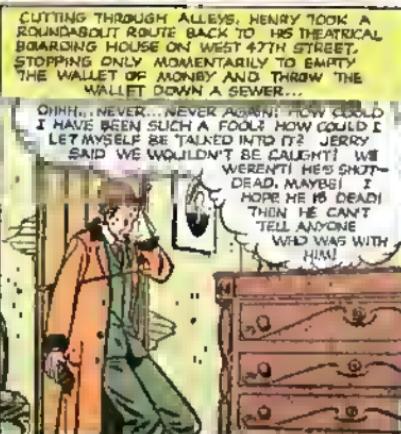
YOU WON'T BE
CAUGHT—NOT WITH
ME, PAL! LISTEN,
I LIKE COMPANY
WHEN I PULL A
JOB! WISE UP—
LOOK AT IT
THIS WAY!

HENRY GOMPEL WAS DESPERATE, AND
HE WAS IN A MOOD TO BE CONVINCED!
SO, THAT NIGHT...

...THIS GENT
COMING ALONG NOW,
PAL! HE LOOKS WELL
HEELED! I'LL TAKE
HIM FROM THE
FRONT! YOU JAB YOUR
CANE IN HIS
BACK!

ALL RIGHT,
JERRY, BUT YOU
DO THE TALKING!
I'LL PROBABLY
BE SO SCARED
MY TEETH WILL
BE CHATTERING!

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- WHY FOOL MYSELF? I'M THROUGH IN THE THEATER! AT LEAST, IT'S THROUGH WITH ME! BUT WHAT CAN I DO? WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME WHEN MY MONEY RUNS OUT? OH, IF ONLY I HAD SOMEONE CLOSE—SOMEONE TO RE-ASSURE ME—THAT'S THE PRICE OF SELFISH BACHELORHOOD! A WIFE CAN SHARE ONE'S PROBLEMS! SHE'D HAVE MADE ME SAVE, TAKE OUT INSURANCE! I'D HAVE...



INSURANCE! FUNNY—YOU TAKE OUT INSURANCE AND YOU CAN'T COLLECT TILL YOU'RE DEAD! NOW, IF I COULD FIGURE SOME WAY... HA! THERE I GO—START BEING CROOKED AND YOU JUST KEEP THINKING THAT WAY! AND YET...



OUT OF HENRY GOMPEL'S DESPAIR AND ANXIETY, FOR SECURITY A SCHEME WAS BORN—A SWINDLE SO FANTASTIC THAT IT WAS DESTINED TO WORK ONLY TOO WELL. SEVERAL DAYS LATER, AS PART OF HIS PLAN, HENRY MOVED TO A NEW BOARDING HOUSE...

YES, THIS WILL SUIT US VERY WELL, MRS. ROSS! HERE'S A MONTH'S RENT IN ADVANCE! CAN YOU HAVE SOMEONE BRING MY TRUNK IN FROM THE STREETS?

MY HUSBAND WILL ATTEND TO IT, MR. GOMPEL! JUST LET ME KNOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT!



OH—YOUR WIFE WILL BE HERE SOON, SIR?

MY...ER...YES, MRS. GOMPEL WILL BE HERE THIS AFTERNOON!



LATER THAT DAY, GOMPEL WAS READY FOR THE NEXT STEP IN HIS PLOT...

NOW TO BRING MRS. GOMPEL INTO EXISTENCE! IF I CAN DECEIVE ANOTHER WOMAN, THEN THE INSURANCE COMPANY WILL BE A CINCH!



IT'S A TEMPTATION TO TAKE OUT A LARGE INSURANCE POLICY BUT I AIN'TN'T BE GREEDY! TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS WILL DO! I CAN LIVE NICELY ON THAT FOR QUITE A FEW YEARS... AND THEN, WELL... TIME WILL TELL!



...THERE'LL BE PREMIUMS TO PAY—JUST A FEW, OF COURSE—BUT THEY'LL BE PRETTY HIGH AT MY AGE...



AH, IT FEELS GOOD TO GET BACK INTO MY ROLE! IN A WAY, IT'S LIKE BEING ON STAGE AGAIN! BUT NOW I MUST GIVE THE GREATEST PERFORMANCE OF MY LIFE! "GOOD AFTERNOON! YOU MUST BE MRS. ROSS!" MR. GOMPEL SAID...



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TEN MINUTES LATER...



HAVING FIRMLY ESTABLISHED THE EXISTENCE OF HIS WIFE, HENRY GOMPEL THEN PUT HIS DISGUISE THROUGH EXHAUSTIVE TESTS.



SATISFIED WITH THE SUCCESS OF HIS IMPERSONATION, HENRY GOMPEL PAID A VISIT TO AN INSURANCE COMPANY THAT VERY SAME AFTERNOON...

...AND I THINK EVERY WIFE IS ENTITLED TO PROTECTION! IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO HENRY, I SIMPLY COULDN'T GO OUT AND WORK MYSELF...

YOU'RE RIGHT, MRS. GOMPEL! THAT IS THE BLESSING OF INSURANCE—SECURITY! NOW, IF YOU'LL HAVE YOUR HUSBAND FILL OUT THESE APPLICATION FORMS, HE CAN BRING THEM WITH HIM WHEN HE COMES FOR HIS PHYSICAL EXAMINATION!

THE FOLLOWING DAY...



SEVERAL MONTHS PASSED! THEN HENRY GOMPEL DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO UNDERTAKE THE MOST DANGEROUS PART OF HIS SCHEME...



IMMEDIATELY, HE SET OUT TO FIND A DOCTOR.



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GETTING THE SERVICES OF THE DISCREPANT, NEARLY-BLIND DOCTOR WAS A MASTER-STROKE OF PLANNING OR ACTING, OF QUICK THINKING! ON HIS WAY HOME, HENRY STOPPED IN SEVERAL DRUGSTORES AND PURCHASED A NUMBER OF HOT WATER BOTTLES...

HAVE TO HURRY, GIVE MYSELF TIME TO WORK UP A GOOD SWEAT, A FEVER, BEFORE... SOMEBODY'S AT THE FRONT DOOR—DR. MARIN, PERHAPS! OH, DEAR, THE COMPLICATIONS!



TEN! YOUR HEART IS BEATING LIKE A TRIPHAMMER, MR. CAMPBELL! YOU SHOULD BE IN A HOSPITAL! YOUR BREATHING IS SO RAPID! AND YOU'RE WHEEZING... WAS THAT YOUR WIFE WHO LET ME IN? I SHOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH HER!



GOMPEL DR. MARIN—G-O-M-P-E-L! OH! EEE... NO, THE THERMOMETER, SIR! I'M SORRY—I TOLD YOUR WIFE I CAN HARDLY SEE! THEN IF YOU'LL FIND MY PRESCRIPTION PAD FROM AROUND THERE...



...A HUNDRED AND FIVE? ARE YOU QUITE SURE YOU READ THIS RIGHT, SIR?

OH... EEE... I... I DON'T KNOW! I FEEL TERRIBLE! IF YOU'LL JUST GIVE ME A PRESCRIPTION...



FATE SEEMED TO BE ON HENRY'S SIDE—NOT ONLY HAD THE DOCTOR UNWITTINGLY FURNISHED A DEATH CERTIFICATE, BUT HIS SIGNATURE AS WELL ON THE PRESCRIPTION!

...THERE—HENRY GOMPEL IS DEAD OF BRONCHIO-PNEUMONIA! FROM HERE ON, I MUST BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL! NO NEED TO LET THAT BUSYBODY, MRS. ROSS, KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS! I'LL MAKE A QUICK RECOVERY AND PULL OUT OF HERE!



LATER THAT WEEK, "ELIZA GOMPEL", ARMED WITH THE DEATH CERTIFICATE AND OTHER FORGED PAPERS, HURRIED TO THE OFFICES OF THE PINNACLE LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY...

I DON'T LIKE TO APOPEL MERCENARIES SO SOON AFTER MY POOR HENRY'S DEATH. BUT—WELL, IT'S JUST THAT I'M SO IN NEED OF MONEY...



WELL, EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE IN ORDER! I'LL SEE TO IT THAT YOU WON'T HAVE TO WAIT LONG FOR A CHECK, MRS. GOMPEL—AND MAY I EXTEND MY SINCEREST SYMPATHY? I KNOW WHAT A SHOCK THIS HAS BEEN TO YOU!

NOT LONG AFTERWARD, A CHECK MADE OUT TO ELIZA GOMPEL, BENEFICIARY, ARRIVED AT THE BOARDING HOUSE AND WAS QUICKLY CASHED BY THE "BEREAVED WIDOW". HENRY GOMPEL KNEW IT WOULD BE SAFER TO LEAVE NEW YORK NOW. HE TOLD MRS. ROSS THAT HE WAS GOING TO CALIFORNIA FOR HIS HEALTH! BUT SOMETHING WAS BOTHERING THE LANDLADY...

I MUST SAY MR. GOMPEL HAS ACTED STRANGELY THESE LAST FEW DAYS, SNEAKING AROUND, HARDLY LEAVING HIS ROOM? NOW WHAT'S HE UP TO WITH THAT BUNDLE? AND SO EARLY IN THE MORNING, LIKE HE DOESN'T WANT TO BE SEEN! AND AFTER MRS. GOMPEL'S DISAPPEARANCE! MAYBE I SHOULD GO TO THE POLICE...



WELL, IT'S OVER NOW! ELIZA GOMPEL IS NO MORE! FIRST I GET RID OF THESE COSTUMES! THEN THE WIGS AND MAKE-UP, GO DOWN SOME SEWER! THEN, I'LL BE FREE IN CANADA OR MEXICO! I'LL LIVE ON THAT TEN THOUSAND!



AFTER MUCH THOUGHT, MRS. ROSS PAID A VISIT TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

I DON'T SEE ANYTHING WRONG WITH THROWING AWAY OLD CLOTHES, LADY! OR WITH GOING TO CALIFORNIA, EITHER! YOU SAY THIS GOMPEL TOLD YOU HIS WIFE WENT OUT WEST TO FIND A PLACE TO LIVE?



I DON'T BELIEVE IT! I HAVEN'T SEEN HER SINCE HE BECAME ILL SEVERAL WEEKS AGO! I KEPT MY EYES OPEN, BUT NOT A SIGN OF HER! BE-SIDES, WHY WOULD HE THROW HER CLOTHES AWAY, UNLESS...

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THERE WERE THOSE WHO BELIEVED THAT EVEN GOMPEL'S OWN ATTORNEY WAS CONVICTED OF HIS GUILT! INDEED, HIS EFFORT ON BEHALF OF HIS CLIENT DID SEEM HALF-HEARTED: THEN CAME TIME TO SUM UP FOR THE STATE OF NEW YORK...

WE HAVE PROVED BEYOND A DOUBT THAT THERE WAS A MRS. GOMPEL! THE DEFENDANT APPARENTLY BELIEVED THAT IF HE MERELY GOT RID OF ELIZA GOMPEL'S BODY IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PROSECUTE HIM! BUT THE LAW NEEDS ONLY THE CORPUS DELICTI—PROOF THAT THE VICTIM EXISTED AND HAS BY SOME MEANS BEEN DONE AWAY WITH!

YOU'VE SEEN EXHIBIT ONE—THE CLOTHING OF THIS MAN'S WIFE, NOW, WHOSE STORY WILL YOU BELIEVE—THAT OF A CONFESSIONED SWINDLER, A MAN WHOSE CONSTANT CONTRADICTIONS ON THE STAND HAVE THROWN THE LIE IN HIS FACE—OR THE HONEST TESTIMONY OF THOSE RELIABLE WITNESSES, WHO, AFTER ALL, HAVE NO REASON FOR WANTING TO SEE AN INNOCENT MAN DIE?

THE JURY WAS OUT ONLY TWENTY-SIX MINUTES! AND THEIR DECISION WAS WIDELY ACCLAIMED...

WE FIND THE DEFENDANT GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE!

OH, NO... NO!

GOOD! THE WORLD WILL BE WELL RID OF THE FIEND!

NO!... YOU'RE SENDING AN INNOCENT MAN TO THE CHAIR! I TELL YOU I WAS MY WIFE! I WAS ELIZA GOMPEL! DON'T YOU SEE? PLEASE! PLEASE! FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS I WAS ELIZA—YOU CAN'T HANG A MAN FOR THAT!

COME ON, GOMPEL! THE JIG'S UP! WHY DON'T YOU QUIT PRETENDING?



THE END

ON THE LEVEL

by C.H. MOORE



JAKE GARVIS, TAVERN OWNER, HAD A 19 YEAR OLD BOY ARRESTED FOR STEALING A SLOT MACHINE FROM HIS TAVERN! THE BOY PLEADED GUILTY AND WAS FINED \$250! THE JUDGE THEN TURNED TO GARVIS AND IMPOSED A FINE OF \$1000 ON HIM, FOR OWNING AND OPERATING AN ILLEGAL SLOT MACHINE!



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BUT ONE OF THEM DID! WHAT KIND OF A DETECTIVE
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ALL FOUR OF THE SUSPECTS SAID
KILL HIM! ⁹⁹

GRAHAM
PRENTICE

DETECTIVE
CASSIDY

KEN BLAKE,
PARTNER

PAUL
REPP

JAMES TOBIEY,
VICTIM

MARIA TOBIEY,
WIFE

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THIS STORY BEGAN IN THE LOBBY OF THE RIVERSIDE
HOTEL, WHERE FOR MONTHS JAMES TOBIEY HAS BEEN
A RESIDENT GUEST...

HERE'S ANOTHER TWENTY,
GRAFFI! REMEMBER TO TIP
ME OFF IF ANYBODY
INQUIRES FOR ME UNDER
THE NAME OF RALPH
MALLORY!

YOU CAN
COUNT
ON ME, MR.
TOBIEY!

FREE WHAT I
WANT! THERE'S
TOBIEY SLIPPING
MORE DOLLS
TO GRAFFI!
WONDER WHAT
GOES!

LOOK—THERE'S JIM TOBIEY
COMING OUT OF THE HOTEL...
AND THERE'S HIS WIFE,
MARIA, DUCKING ACROSS
THE STREET SO SHE
WON'T RUN INTO HIM!

DON'T BLAME HER! SHE HAD
EVERY RIGHT TO LEAVE THAT
GUY! AND SHE DESERVES
ANY SUPPORT MONEY HE'S
PAYING HER! JIM TOBIEY
NEVER DEALT STRAIGHT
WITH ANYBODY IN
HIS LIFE!



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MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE HOTEL...



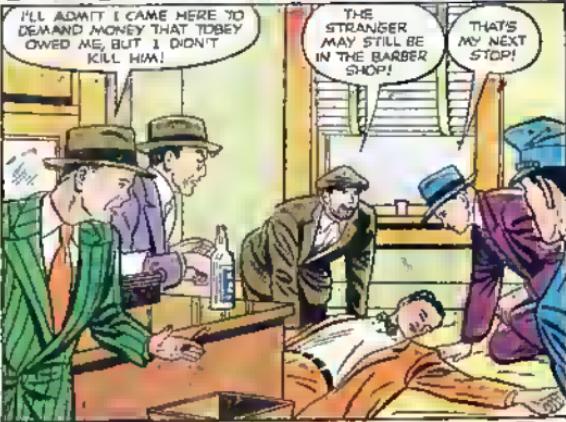
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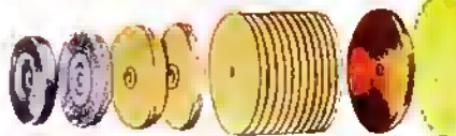


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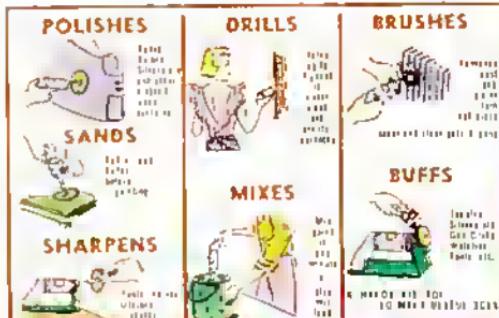
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